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Claims:

1. An enzymatically prepared fat base composition comprising a mixture of vegetable-derived triglycerides, characterized in that:

the total palmitic acid residues content is at most 38%w/w of the total fatty acid residues;

at least 60%w/w of the fatty acid moisties at the sn-2 position of the glycerol backbone are palmitic acid residues.

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- 2. The fat base composition of claim 1, wherein at least 62%w/w of the total palmitic acid residues are at the sn-2 position of the glycerol backbone.
- 3. The fat composition of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein up to 70%w/w of the total palmitic acid moieties are at the sn-2 position of the glycerol moiety.
- 34. The fat base composition of <u>any one of claims 1 to 3er-2</u>, wherein at least 70%w/w of the fatty acid moieties at the en-1 and sn-3 positions of the glycerol backbone are <u>plaic acid and other unsaturated fatty acid moieties</u>.
- 45. The fat base composition of any one of claims 1 to 43, wherein at least 40%w/w, preferably 40-60%w/w, of said unsaturated fatty acid moieties at the sn-1 and sn-3 positions are cleic acid moieties.
- 56. The fat base composition of any one of claims 1 to 54, wherein at least 6%w/w, preferably 6-17%w/w, of said unsaturated fatty acid moieties at the sn-1 and sn-3 positions are linolaic acid moieties
- 67. A substitute human milk fat composition comprising a blend of at least 26% of the fat base composition of any one of claims 1 to 5-5 with up to 75% of at least one vegetable oil.





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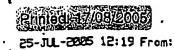
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- 78. The substitute human milk fat composition of claim 76, wherein said vegetable oil may be selected from the group comprising soy oil, palm tree oil, canola oil, coconut oil, palm kernal oil, sunflower oil, corn oil and rapessed oil.
- 82. An infant formula comprising the substitute human milk fat composition of any one of claims 6-7 and 73.
- 910. An infant formula comprising at least one protein component and at least one fat component, wherein said fat component is the substitute human milk fat composition of any one of claims 6.7 and 78, further optionally comprising vitamins, minerals, nucleotides, amino acids and carbohydrates.
- 1011. A process for the preparation of the fat base composition of any one of claims 1 to 65, comprising the steps of ______reacting a palmitic acid rich oil with unsaturated fatty acids, preferably cleic acid, in the presence of an insoluble catalyst; ______ distilling the excess free fatty acids; ______ distilling the oil; and optionally ______ decodorizing ation of the product of step (d)
- 1112. The process of claim 1011, optionally further comprising a step of fractionation preceding the decodorization step (e).
- 1213. A process for the preparation of the substitute human milk fat composition of any one of claims 6-7 and 75 comprising admixing said vegetable oil with the fat base composition of any one of claims 1 to 56.
- 1914. Use of the fat base composition of any one of claims 1 to 56 in the preparation of a substitute human milk fat composition for infant formulae.



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1415. Use of the fat composition of any one of claims 67 and 78 in the preparation of an infant formula.

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